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SYNTHESIS, CHARACTERIZATION AND *IN VITRO* ANTIMICROBIAL EVALUATION OF INDOLINE BASED DERIVATIVES

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ABSTRACT

New series of indoline carbothioamide based derivatives have been synthesized compounds were confirmed by FT-IR, ¹H-NMR, ¹³C-NMR and LC-ESI. All the synthesized compounds were screened for their antibacterial activity against four different strains specifically *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Bacillus subtilis* *Escherichia coli* and *Klebsiella pneumonia* by the disc well diffusion method. While *anti fungal* was determined against two different strains *Candida albicans* and *Candida glabrata* by the agar well diffusion method. In vitro antimicrobial studies revealed that most of the synthesized compounds showed significant activities as compared to standard drugs chloramphenicol and *fluconazole* respectively.

Keywords: indoline, antimicrobial, ¹H-NMR

INTRODUCTION

Heterocyclic compounds and their derivatives are found to be associated with various biological activities¹. Microbial infections are common problem in all over worldwide. At the present days, the occurrence of fungal and bacterial infection has been noticeably increased which leads to serious health hazards². Consequently, so many researchers have focused their probe efforts on finding new, potent, less toxic antibacterial and antifungal drugs. Whereas a variety indoline the potent basic pharmacodynamic nucleus has been reported to possess a wide variety of biological properties such as antimicrobial³⁻⁶, anticancer⁷⁻¹⁰, anti-diabetic¹¹, anti-inflammatory^{12, 13}, antitubulin¹⁴, antiperoxidative¹⁵, anticoagulant¹⁶, etc.,

In continuation, the indoline nucleus is incorporated in various natural products such as alkaloids¹⁷. Encouraged by the above observations and considering the interesting pharmacological profile of indoline, we synthesized N-(4-aminophenyl) indoline-1-carbothioamide scaffold based compounds as an antimicrobial agent.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Chemistry

The synthetic starting materials such as reagents and solvents were used in analytical grade or the highest quality commercially available and were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich Chemical Co., Merck Chemical Co. Melting points were recorded by labtronic digital melting points apparatus. The ¹H-NMR and ¹³C-NMR spectra were recorded in DMSO-d₆ solvent on Bruker 300 MHz spectrophotometer using tetramethylsilane as an internal reference. The apparent resonance multiplicity is described as s (singlet), d (doublet), dd (doublet of doublet), t (triplet), td (triplet of doublet), q (quartet) and m (multiplet). Infrared measurements were recorded in the range 400-4000 cm⁻¹

¹ by Perkin Elmer. Mass spectra were recorded on a Thermo LCQ Deca XP MAX at 70eV. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) analysis was carried out on 5 x 20 cm plate coated with silica gel GF₂₅₄.

Synthesis of N-(4-nitrophenyl) indoline-1-carbothioamide (1)

To a solution of indoline (10 g, 0.0835 mol) in 200 mL of THF, 4-nitrophenyl isothiocyanate (16.53 g, 0.0918 mol) was added at 0 °C. The resulting reaction mass was allowed to RT and stirred for 4 h. The reaction mass was concentrated under reduced pressure to give the compound **1** as a yellow solid; Yield 80%; m.p 173-174 °C; IR (KBr) ν_{max} in cm⁻¹: 3434, 3300 (NH stretch), 3074 (CH stretch, aromatic), 2919, 2850 (CH stretch, aliphatic), 1532, 1319, (NO₂ stretch), 1477 (CH₂ bend), 1270 (C=S), 909 (C-N stretch); ¹H-NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ ppm: 3.13 (t, 2H, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 4.32 (t, 2H, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 7.05 (td, 1H, *J* = 0.9, 7.9 Hz), 7.18 (td, 1H, *J* = 1.2, 8.1 Hz), 7.33 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 7.71 (d, 2H, *J* = 9.9 Hz), 7.80 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 8.19 (d, 2H, *J* = 9.9 Hz), 10.39 (s, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ ppm: 26.6, 54.2, 116.0, 121.9, 123.9, 124.1, 125.6, 126.8, 134.3, 142.1, 142.2, 146.8, 177.5; LC/ESI calculated for (C₁₅H₁₃N₃O₂S) m/z [M + H]⁺ 299.07, found m/z 300.0665.

Synthesis of N-(4-aminophenyl) indoline-1-carbothioamide (2)

To a solution of compound **1** (10 g, 0.0338 mol) in 100 mL 12N HCl, SnCl₂ (63.88 g, 0.338 mol) was added at RT. The resulting reaction mass was stirred for 3 h. The completion of the reaction was monitored by TLC. The reaction mass was diluted with 350 mL of cold water. The resulting reaction mass was basified to pH 8 with 40% NaOH. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 150 mL) and water (2 x 30 mL), brine (1 x 300 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The organic layer was concentrated under reduced pressure to afford compound **2**. Brown solid; Yield 72%; mp 209-210 °C; IR (KBr) ν_{max} in cm⁻¹

: 3398 (NH stretch), 3055 (CH stretch, aromatic), 2969 (CH stretch, aliphatic), 1610 (NH bend), 1447 (CH₂ bend), 1209 (C=S), 932 (C-N stretch); ¹H-NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ ppm: 3.08 (t, 2H, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 4.21 (t, 2H, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 5.05 (s, 2H), 6.52 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 6.95 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.12 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.24 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 8.29 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 9.41 (s, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ ppm: 26.7, 52.8, 113.3, 116.1, 122.5, 124.9, 126.1, 126.8, 128.5, 133.3, 143.4, 146.3, 178.5; LC/ESI calculated for (C₁₅H₁₅N₃S) m/z [M + H]⁺ 269.100, found m/z 270.0979.

Synthesis of 1-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-(4-(indoline-1-carbothioamido)phenyl)thiourea (3a)

To a solution of compound 2 (0.4 g, 0.0015 mol) in 12 mL THF, 4-fluoro phenyl isothiocyanate (0.300 g, 0.0019 mol) was added at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was allowed to RT and stirred for 2 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. The reaction mass was concentrated under reduced pressure and separated between ethyl acetate (1 x 50 mL) and 2N HCl (1 x 25 mL). The resulting ethyl acetate layer was washed with brine (1 x 40 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The ethyl acetate layer was concentrated under reduced pressure to afford compound 3a. Pal yellow solid; Yield 32%; mp 259-261 °C; IR (KBr) ν_{max} in cm⁻¹: 3424 (NH stretch), 2926 (CH stretch, aromatic), 2581 (CH stretch, aliphatic), 1590 (NH bend), 1449 (CH₂ bend), 1291 (C-N stretch), 1211 (C=S), 761 (CH bend); ¹H-NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ ppm: 3.10 (t, 2H, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 4.26 (t, 2H, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 6.99 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.13-7.15 (m, 3H), 7.29 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 7.27-7.50 (m, 6H), 8.09 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 9.76 (s, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ ppm: 26.7, 53.3, 114.8, 115.1, 123.0, 123.6, 125.2, 126.0, 126.4, 133.7, 135.7, 143.0, 157.8, 160.2, 178.2, 179.9; LC/ESI calculated for (C₂₂H₁₉FN₄S₂) m/z [M + H]⁺ 422.1, found m/z 423.0681.

Synthesis of 1-(4-(indoline-1-carbothioamido) phenyl)-3-(3-methoxy phenyl)urea (3b)

To a solution of compound 2 (0.5 g, 0.0018 mol) in 15 mL THF, 3-methoxy phenyl isocyanate (0.322 g, 0.0024 mol) was added at 0 °C. The reaction was carried out at RT and stirred for 1 h. The completion of reaction was monitored by TLC. To the resulting residue, diethyl ether was added and the solid was filtered off. The resulting white solid was dried under vacuum to afford compound 3b. Yield 76%; mp 246-248 °C; IR (KBr) ν_{max} in cm⁻¹: 3287 (NH stretch), 2950 (CH stretch, aromatic), 2838 (CH stretch, aliphatic), 1649 (C=O), 1558 (NH bend), 1491 (CH₂ bend), 1291 (C-N amide), 1230 (C=S), 1160 (C-O), 763 (CH bend); ¹H-NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ ppm: 3.10 (t, 2H, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 3.70 (s, 3H), 4.27 (t, 2H, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 6.52 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.1, 8.1 Hz), 6.92-7.00 (m, 2H), 7.11-7.27 (m, 6H), 7.43 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 8.23 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 9.41 (d, 2H, *J* = 9.1 Hz), 9.67 (s, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ ppm: 26.7, 53.1, 54.8, 103.5, 106.8, 110.1, 116.1, 117.6, 122.8, 125.0, 125.8, 126.2, 129.4, 133.6, 136.9, 141.2, 141.2, 143.2, 152.7, 159.6, 178.4; LC/ESI calculated for (C₂₃H₂₂N₄O₂S) m/z [M + H]⁺ 418.15, found m/z 419.1155.

Synthesis of N-(4-(tosylamino) phenyl) indoline-1-carbothioamide (4a)

To a solution of compound 2 (0.4 g, 0.00150 mol) in 10 mL THF, pyridine (0.474 mL, 0.006 mol) was added at 0 °C followed by 4-toluene sulfonyl chloride (0.285 g, 0.00150 mol) in 2 mL 1,2-dichloroethane was added. The reaction mixture was allowed to RT and stirred for 3 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and separated between

ethyl acetate (50 mL) and water (50 mL). The combined ethyl acetate layer was washed with 2N HCl (1 x 30 mL), 10 % NaHCO₃ (2 x 25 mL), brine (2 x 50 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The ethyl acetate layer was concentrated under reduced pressure to afford compound 4a. White solid; Yield 48 % mp 220-222 °C; IR (KBr) ν_{max} in cm⁻¹: 3423 (NH stretch), 3282, 3059 (CH stretch, aromatic), 2921 (CH stretch, aliphatic), 1595 (NH bend), 1516 (CH₂ bend), 1371, 1154 (S=O), 749 (CH bend); ¹H-NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ ppm: 2.34 (s, 3H), 3.08 (t, 2H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 4.22 (t, 2H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 6.95-7.09 (m, 3H), 7.11 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.20-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.35 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 7.64 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 8.9 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 9.63 (s, 1H), 10.18 (s, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ ppm: 20.9, 26.6, 53.1, 116.0, 120.1, 123.0, 125.1, 125.66, 126.3, 126.6, 129.6, 133.6, 134.2, 136.2, 136.7, 142.8, 143.1, 178.1; LC/ESI calculated for (C₂₂H₂₁N₃O₂S₂) m/z [M + H]⁺ 423.11, found m/z 424.0771.

Synthesis of N-(4-((2,6-dichlorophenyl)sulfonyl amino)phenyl) indoline-1-carbothioamide (4b)

Prepared as reported above for 4a, starting from compound 2 and 2,6-dichlorobenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride. This reaction was carried out at room temperature for 3 h. Red solid; Yield 37 %; mp 215-217 °C; IR (KBr) ν_{max} in cm⁻¹: 3432 (NH stretch), 3360, 3099 (CH stretch, aromatic), 2922, 2850 (CH stretch, aliphatic), 1600 (NH bend), 1519 (CH₂ bend), 1387, 1165 (S=O), 747 (CH bend); ¹H-NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ ppm: 3.09 (t, 2H, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 4.21 (t, 2H, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 7.04-7.07 (m, 2H), 7.14 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 7.23-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.52-7.71 (m, 3H), 8.10 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 9.63 (s, 1H), 10.78 (s, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ ppm: 27.1, 53.7, 116.5, 119.6, 123.5, 125.6, 126.3, 126.8, 127.6, 130.7, 132.4, 133.7, 134.2, 134.92, 136.8, 143.4, 178.7; LC/ESI calculated for (C₂₁H₁₇Cl₂N₃O₂S₂) m/z [M + H]⁺ 477.01, found m/z 477.9745

Synthesis of 2-(1H-indol-3-yl)-N-(4-(indoline-1-carbothioamide) phenyl) acetamide (5a)

To a solution of compound 2 (0.4 g, 0.00150 mol) in 12 mL, 3-indole acetic acid (0.316 g, 0.00181 mol), EDC.HCl (0.370 g, 0.00195 mol) and HOBt (0.202 g, 0.00150 mol) was added. The mixture was cooled to 0 °C and triethylamine (0.818 mL, 0.006 mol) was added. The resulting solution was allowed to RT and stirred for 8 h. The reaction was monitored by TLC. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and resulting crude product was separated between ethyl acetate (50 mL) and water (50 mL). The combined ethyl acetate layer was washed with 2N HCl (1 x 30 mL), 10% NaHCO₃ (2 x 20 mL), brine (2 x 50 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The organic layer was concentrated under reduced pressure to afford compound 5a. Pal yellow solid; Yield 40%; mp 243-245 °C; IR (KBr) ν_{max} in cm⁻¹: 3406 (NH stretch), 3310, 3184 (CH stretch, aromatic), 2904 (CH stretch, aliphatic), 1657 (C=O), 1527 (NH bend), 1482 (CH₂ bend), 1291 (C-N), 1254 (C=S), 788 (CH bend); ¹H-NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ ppm: 3.09 (t, 2H, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 3.72 (s, 2H), 4.24 (t, 2H, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 6.97 (td, 2H, *J* = 1.2, 6.9 Hz), 7.0-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.35 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 7.54-7.62 (m, 3H), 8.16 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 9.67 (s, 1H), 10.12 (s, 1H), 10.92 (s, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ ppm: 26.7, 33.7, 53.1, 108.6, 111.35, 116.0, 118.3, 118.6, 118.9, 120.9, 122.9, 123.8, 125.1, 126.3, 127.2, 133.6, 135.0, 136.1, 136.2, 143.1, 169.5, 178.4; LC/ESI calculated for (C₂₅H₂₂N₄OS) m/z [M + H]⁺ 426.15, found m/z 427.1205.

Synthesis of 3-fluoro-N-(4-(indoline-1-carbothioamido)phenyl)benzamide (5b)

Prepared as reported above for 5a, starting from compound 2 and 3-fluorobenzoic acid. This reaction was carried out at RT for 7 h. White solid; Yield 24 %; mp 220-222 °C; IR (KBr) ν_{\max} in cm^{-1} : 3422 (NH), 3336, 3271 (CH stretch aromatic), 2930 (CH stretch aliphatic), 1657 (C=O), 1593 (NH bend), 1516 (CH₂ bend), 1388 (C-F), 1317 (C-N), 746 (CH bend); ¹H-NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ ppm: 3.17 (t, 2H, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 4.27 (t, 2H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 6.99 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.15 (t, 1H, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 7.32 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.36 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 7.47 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.56-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.71 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 7.76-7.83 (m, 2H), 8.15 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 9.75 (s, 1H), 10.33 (s, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ ppm: 26.7, 53.2, 114.5, 116.0, 118.3, 120.3, 123.8, 125.1, 126.3, 130.5, 130.6, 133.7, 135.5, 135.8, 137.2, 143.0, 160.7, 163.1, 163.9, 178.4; LC/ESI calculated for (C₂₂H₁₈FN₃OS) *m/z* [M + H]⁺ 391.12, found *m/z* 392.0887

Synthesis of 2-(2-fluorophenyl)-N-(4-(indoline-1-carbothioamido)phenyl)acetamide (5c)

Prepared as reported above for 5a, starting from compound 2 and 2-fluoro phenylacetic acid. This reaction was carried out at RT for 7 h. Yellow solid; Yield 24 %; mp 220-222 °C; IR (KBr) ν_{\max} in cm^{-1} : 3328 (NH stretch), 3289, 3066 (CH stretch, aromatic), 2632 (CH stretch, aliphatic), 1672 (C=O), 1600 (NH bend), 1510 (CH₂ bend), 1388 (C-F), 1317 (C-N), 744 (CH bend); ¹H-NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ ppm: 3.10 (t, 2H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 3.73 (s, 2H), 4.25 (t, 2H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 6.97 (t, 1H, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 7.11-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.27 (d, 4H, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 7.31-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.54 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 8.16 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 9.69 (s, 1H), 10.23 (s, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ ppm: 26.7, 36.2, 53.1, 115.1, 116.0, 118.9, 122.9, 123.0, 124.1, 125.1, 126.3, 128.7, 128.7, 131.9, 133.6, 135.2, 143.0, 159.4, 161.8, 167.8, 178.4; LC/ESI calculated for (C₂₃H₂₀FN₃OS) *m/z* [M + H]⁺ 405.13, found *m/z* 406.0980.

Synthesis of N-(4-(indoline-1-carbothioamido)phenyl)cyclopentanecarboxamide (5d)

Prepared as reported above for 5a, starting from compound 2 and cyclopentane carboxylic acid. This reaction was carried out at RT for 8 h. White solid; Yield 27 %; mp 213-215 °C; IR (KBr) ν_{\max} in cm^{-1} : 3298 (NH stretch), 3040 (CH stretch, aromatic), 2928, 2860 (CH stretch, aliphatic), 1670 (C=O), 1602 (NH bend), 1518 (CH₂ bend), 1317 (C-N), 744 (CH bend); ¹H-NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ ppm: 1.56-1.748 (m, 7H), 1.84 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 3.10 (t, 2H, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 4.25 (t, 2H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 6.98 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.13 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.27 (d, 3H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.55 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 8.16 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 9.70 (s, 1H), 9.82 (s, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ ppm: 26.1, 27.2, 30.5, 45.7, 53.6, 116.5, 119.4, 123.43, 125.6, 125.8, 126.8, 134.1, 135.4, 136.8, 143.6, 174.6, 178.9; LC/ESI calculated for (C₂₁H₂₃N₃OS) *m/z* [M + H]⁺ 365, found *m/z* 366.1384.

Synthesis of N-(4-(indoline-1-carbothioamido)phenyl)acetamide (5e)

To a solution of compound 2 (0.4 g, 0.00150 mol) in 10 mL of THF, triethylamine (0.757 mL, 0.0075 mol) was added at 0 °C followed by acetyl chloride was added. The reaction mixture was allowed to RT and stirred for 1 h. The reaction was monitored by TLC. The reaction mass was concentrated under reduced pressure and separated between ethyl acetate (50 mL) and water (50 mL). The combined ethyl acetate layer was washed with 2N HCl (1 x 25 mL), 10 % NaHCO₃ (2 x 20 mL),

brine (2 x 50 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The ethyl acetate layer was concentrated under reduced pressure to afford compound 5e, white solid; Yield 42 % mp 200-202 °C; IR (KBr) ν_{\max} in cm^{-1} : 3428 (NH stretch), 3303, 3044 (CH stretch, aromatic), 2928 (CH stretch, aliphatic), 1661 (C=O), 1600 (NH bend), 1517 (CH₂ bend), 1315 (C-N), 743 (CH bend); ¹H-NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ ppm: 2.21 (s, 3H), 3.10 (t, 2H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 4.25 (t, 2H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 6.9 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.14 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.27 (d, 3H, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 7.52 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 8.16 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 9.67 (s, 1H), 9.94 (s, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ ppm: 23.9, 26.5, 116.0, 118.8, 122.9, 125.4, 126.3, 133.6, 134.9, 136.1, 143.0, 168.0, 178.4; LC/ESI calculated for (C₁₇H₁₇N₃OS) *m/z* [M + H]⁺ 311.11, found *m/z* 312.0977.

PHARMACOLOGY***In vitro* antibacterial study**

Anti-bacterial activity of all the synthesized compounds was carried by using agar well diffusion method¹⁸ at a concentration of 100 µg/mL and compare with standard chloramphenicol. The test compounds were evaluated anti-bacterial activities against *Bacillus subtilis*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia coli*, *Klebsiella pneumonia*. The Standard antibiotic chloramphenicol (30 µg) was used as positive control for each bacterial species tested. Then the inoculated plates were incubated at 37 °C for 24 h. At the end of incubation period the zone of inhibition was measured diameter in millimetre as its anti bacterial activity.

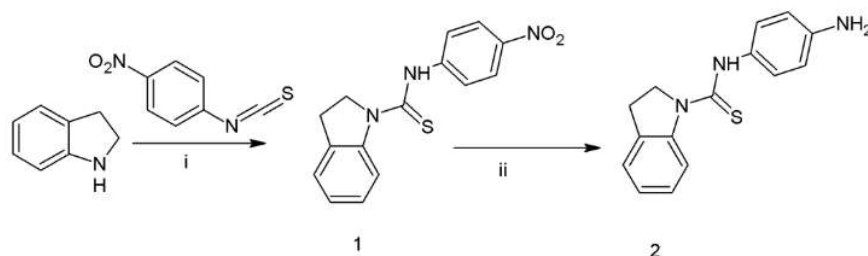
***In vitro* antifungal study**

Potato dextrose agar (PDA) was used for fungal cultures. The cultures medium was inoculated with the fungal strains separately suspended in potato dextrose broth. The synthesized compounds were injected to sterile disc. The standard drug fluconazole (30 µg) was used as positive control and fungal plates were incubated in 37 °C for 72 h. At the end of incubation period the zone of inhibition was measured diameter in millimetre as its anti fungal activity.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**Chemistry**

The synthetic scheme for the preparation of intermediates and final compounds are shown in scheme (1-3). The intermediate-1 was prepared¹⁹ by using the reagent 4-nitrophenyl isothiocyanate. The FT-IR spectrum of intermediate-1 had characteristic NH absorption peaks at 3434 cm^{-1} and 3300 cm^{-1} . The absorption peaks for C=S seen at 1270 cm^{-1} . The NO₂ stretching frequency observed at 1319 cm^{-1} and 1532 cm^{-1} . In the ¹H-NMR spectra of compound-I, the proton signal of thiourea NH was observed at δ 10.39 (1H, singlet). Characteristic peaks of thiocarbamide compound were observed at δ 10.39 ppm. In ¹³C-NMR of intermediate-2, the characteristic peaks at thiocarbamide C=S resonate at 177.5 ppm. The intermediate-2 was prepared²⁰ by reduction of intermediate-1 by SnCl₂. The FT-IR spectra of intermediate-2 showed absorption band at 3398 cm^{-1} due to NH stretching vibration from resulting amine group formed. In the FT-IR spectrum of intermediate-2, the reduction of NO₂ group was confirmed by disappearance of NO₂ stretching vibration at 1319 cm^{-1} and 1532 cm^{-1} . In the ¹H-NMR spectra of intermediate-2, the characteristic amine proton peak seen as broad singlet at δ 5.05 ppm. The resulting compound was also confirmed by TLC, which was exhibited ninhydrin activity. The intermediate-2 was taken a common scaffold for synthesis of proposed indoline derivatives. The synthetic path way for intermediate-2 is outlined below.

Scheme 1

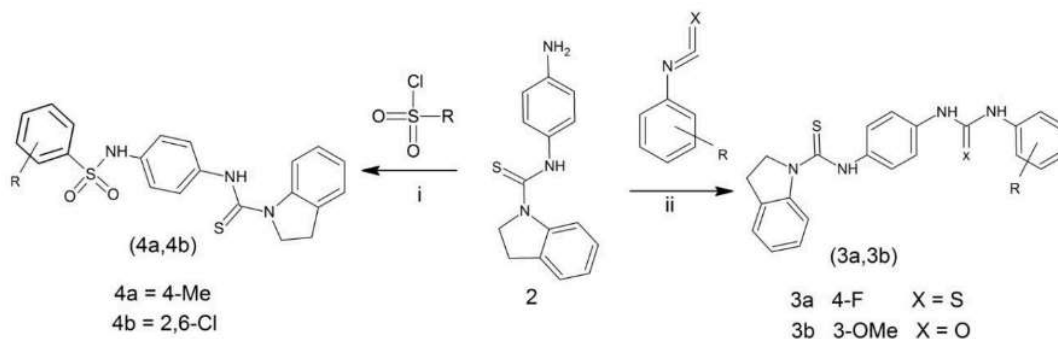


Scheme 1: Reagents and conditions: (i). 4-nitrophenyl isothiocyanate, THF, 0 °C; (ii) SnCl₂, 12N HCl, RT, 0 °C.

The sulfonamide derivatives **4a** and **4b** were prepared²¹ by reaction between corresponding sulfonyl chloride and key intermediate-2. The reaction was carried out in dichloroethane with pyridine base at 90 °C. The FT-IR spectrum resulted in sulfonamide derivatives exhibited absorption wavelength at 1154 cm⁻¹ and 1387 cm⁻¹. Which is the characteristic peak of (S=O) group. The ¹H-NMR spectra of synthesized sulfonamide derivatives showed new singlet peak at δ 9.63 ppm.

The desired title compounds **3a** and **3b** were obtained in reasonable yield²² by treating key intermediate-2 with

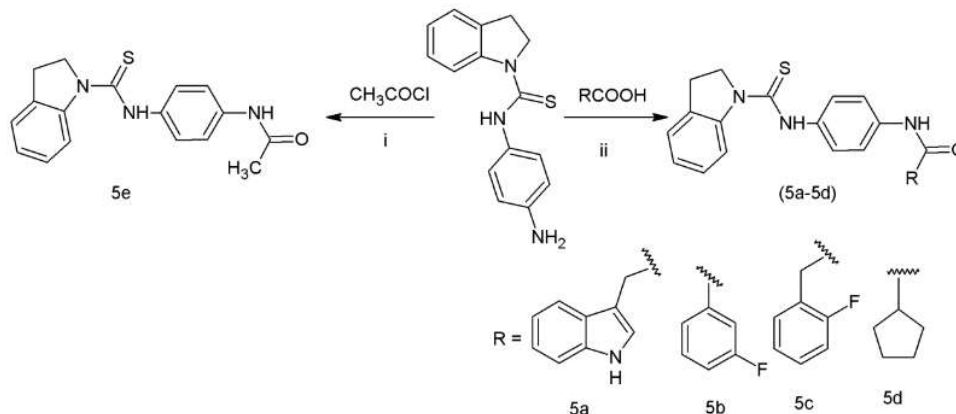
corresponding isocyanate and isothiocyanate respectively. In the FT-IR spectrum of **3a** characteristic C=S seen at 1211 cm⁻¹ while in **3b** characteristic C=O 1649 cm⁻¹. In the ¹H-NMR of **3a**, NH proton of thiourea group resonated at δ 9.78 ppm. In the case of **3b**, NH proton of new urea group resonated at δ 9.67 ppm. According to ¹³C-NMR of **3a** and **3b**, the compounds has displayed characteristic thiourea carbonyl carbon C=S at δ 179.9 ppm and urea carbonyl carbon C=O at δ 159.6 ppm. The synthetic scheme for preparation of sulfonamide, urea and thiourea derivatives are shown in **Scheme 2**.



Scheme 2: Reagents and conditions (i). Pyridine, Dichloroethane, 90 °C. (ii). THF, 0 °C.

From the above key intermediate-2, the carboxamide derivatives (**5a-d**) were prepared²³ by using reagent 1-Ethyl -3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl) carbodiimide (EDCI). The corresponding acid chloride was used for preparing²⁴ the amide derivatives **5e**. The FT-IR spectrum of all the carboxamide derivatives has strong C=O absorption, which showed wave length between 1657-1672 cm⁻¹. The ¹H-NMR spectra of all carboxamide derivatives exhibited broad signals at δ 9.7-10.1ppm is assigned

to NH. In addition, ¹³C-NMR spectra of all carboxamide derivatives displayed signals at δ 163.9-174.6 ppm. All the FT-IR, ¹H-NMR and mass spectral data of compounds (**5a-e**) were in accordance with the proposed molecular structures. The purity of synthesized compounds was monitored by TLC. The synthetic scheme for the preparation of all carboxamide derivatives is depicted in **Scheme-3**.



Scheme 3: Reagents and conditions (i). TEA, MDC, 0 °C., (ii). EDCI, HOBt, TEA, THF, 0 °C;

In vitro Antibacterial Evaluation

The antibacterial activity of all the synthesized compounds was carried out by using disc well diffusion method at a concentration of (100 µg/ml) and compared with known standard drug chloramphenicol. From the zone inhibition result, the indoline derivatives displayed moderate to high activity against all the tested strains. Like compounds 5a, 5b, 5c, and 5e exhibited significant activity against *Escherichia coli* and *Klebsiella pneumonia*, the most of the compounds like 4a, 4b and 5d showed moderate activity. Remaining compounds did not show any noticeable activity. The zone of inhibition of all compounds is listed in table 1.

In vitro Antifungal Evaluation

The antibacterial activity of all the synthesized compounds was carried out by using disc well diffusion method at a concentration of (100µg/ml) and compared with known standard drug fluconazole. From the result data, the compounds 5b and 5e showed good activity against two fungal strains *Candida albican* and *Candida glabrata* remaining the compounds did not show any markable activity. The zone of inhibition of all compounds is summarized in table 1.

Table 1: Anti-microbial activity of indoline derivatives

Compound code	Zone of inhibition (diameter in mm)					
	Anti-bacterial				Anti-fungal	
	SA	BS	EC	KP	CA	CG
3a	-	-	-	-	-	-
3b	-	-	-	-	-	-
4a	8	9	7	9	-	-
4b	9	6	8	7	9	7
5a	9	8	19	20	8	-
5b	7	9	23	22	13	8
5c	9	7	21	20	9	7
5d	10	12	14	13	8	6
5e	9	7	20	19	11	-
chloramphenicol	26	27	26	28	-	-
fluconazole	-	-	-	-	27	26

SA=*Staphylococcus aureus* (MTCC-2940), BS= *Bacillus Subtilis* (MTCC-441), EC=*Escherichia coli* (MTCC-739), *Klebsiella pneumonia* (ATCC-10031), CA= *Candida albican* (ATCC-2091). CG= *Candida glabrata*(ATCC-36583).

CONCLUSION

It could be concluded that the synthesized indoline compounds were evaluated for their *in vitro* anti-microbial activity. The target compounds **5a**, **5b**, **5c** and **5e** showed good activity. Based on the above findings the novel indoline derivatives **5a**, **5b**, **5c** and **5e** selected for future optimization and development in animal models for detailed efficacy studies.

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